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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Masahiro MORISHITA et al  
Serial No. : 09/824,281  
Filed : April 2, 2001  
For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
GLASS PARTS FOR CONNECTING  
OPTICAL FIBERS AND GLASS  
PARTS FOR CONNECTING OPTICAL  
FIBERS MANUFACTURED USING  
THE METHOD

Art Unit : 1731

Examiner :

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This supplements the Preliminary Amendment filed  
concurrently with the above-identified application on April 2,  
2001.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claim 8, as follows:

8. (Amended) A glass part for connecting optical fibers  
manufactured using the method claimed in claim 3, wherein said  
glass part has open ends, and wherein at least one of the open

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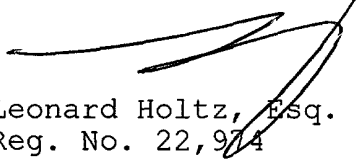
ends of said glass part is tapered in such a manner that there is  
5 a continuous curved surface at a boundary between the at least  
one of the open ends and said internal hole.

**REMARKS**

Claim 8 has been amended to correct the dependency thereof.  
Approval and entry of amended claim 8 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or  
recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the  
undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt  
action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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VERSION OF CLAIMS SHOWING AMENDMENTS MADE

8. (Amended) A glass part for connecting optical fibers  
manufactured using the method claimed in claim [2] 3, wherein  
said glass part has open ends, and wherein at least one of the  
open ends of said glass part is tapered in such a manner that  
5 there is a continuous curved surface at a boundary between the at  
least one of the open ends and said internal hole.